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FOR STATE/AID

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SUBJ: RICE SITUATION

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RICE SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTIONSITUATION
IN PHNOM PENH FOR THE TWO-WEEK PERIOD OF DECEMBER 24 1973 THRU
JANUARY 6, 1974:

	DEC. 24	DEC. 25	DEC. 26	DEC. 27
BEGINNING STOCK	8,406.6	10,860.7	10,129.9	9,314.4
ROUTE 5	---	---	---	---
ROUTE 4	---	---	-	---
MEKONG	3,329.6	---	---	---

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TOTAL AVAILABLE 11,736.2 10,860.7 10,129.9 9,314.4

LESS DISTRIBUTION	837.3	683.6	811.4	809.2
BALANCE	10,898.9	10,177.1	9,318.5	8,505.2
ADJUSTMENT	-38.2	-47.2	-4.1	-17.3
BALANCE	10,860.7	10,129.9	9,314.4	8,487.9

	DEC. 28	DEC. 29	DEC. 30
BEGINNING STOCK	8,487.9	15,467.4	14,788.7
ROUTE 5	---	---	---
ROUTE 4	---	---	---
MEKONG	7,837.7	---	---
TOTAL AVAILABLE	16,325.6	15,467.4	14,788.7
LESS DISTRIBUTION	846.1	658.7	---
BALANCE	15,479.5	14,808.7	14,788.7
ADJUSTMENT	-12.1	-20.0	---
BALANCE	15,467.4	14,788.7	14,788.7

	DEC. 31	JAN. 1	JAN. 2	JAN. 3
BEGINNING STOCK	14,788.7	13,869.9	13,310.4	12,500.4
ROUTE 5	---	---	---	---
ROUTE 4	---	---	---	---
MEKONG	---	---	---	4,338.8
TOTAL AVAILABLE	14,788.7	13,869.9	13,310.4	16,839.2
LESS DISTRIBUTION	892.9	819.7	739.8	736.8
BALANCE	13,895.8	13,050.2	12,570.6	16,102.4
ADJUSTMENT	225.9	260.2	-70.2	89.8
BALANCE	13,869.9	13,310.4	12,500.4	16,192.2

	JAN. 4	JAN. 5	JAN. 6
BEGINNING STOCK	16,192.2	15,469.1	14,595.0
ROUTE 5	---	---	---
ROUTE 4	---	---	---
MEKONG	---	---	---
TOTAL AVAILABLE	16,192.2	15,469.1	14,595.0
LESS DISTRIBUTION	846.4	854.7	---
BALANCE	15,345.8	14,614.4	14,595.0
ADJUSTMENT	123.3	-19.4	---
BALANCE	15,469.1	14,595.0	14,595.0

2. STOCK POSITION. AS OF COB JANUARY 6, PHNOM PENH HAD A TOTAL AVAILABILITY OF 14,595 METRIC TONS. IN ADDITION TO THE PHNOM PENH
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STOCK, THERE WAS AS OF JANUARY 6 A 10,873 METRIC TON SURPLUS IN KOMPONG SOM MADE UP OF KOREAN, JAPANESE, AND U.S. RICE SHIPMENTS.

3. ARRIVALS DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

		DISCHARGE	DATE	
VESSEL/BARGE	M/T	SOURCE	PORT	ARRIVED
L-1961	1,608	KOREA	PHNOM PENH	12/24/73
L-1962	1,721	" "	" "	1/24

KYOTO KU MARU	4,792	JAPAN	KOMPONG SOM	12/25
EVER GLORY	1,684	VN	PHNOM PENH	12/28
PORTSUN	1,718	BN	" "	12,28
WING PENG	1,640	VN	" "	12/28
MONTE CRISTO	1,794	VN	" "	12/28
BATTY C-2	1,001	US	" "	12/28
GULF MERCHANT	5,645	US	KOMPONG SOM	1/2/74

BATTY C-1	916	US	PHNOM PENH	1/3/74
L-1964	1,722	US	" "	1/3/74
HAYAN	1,700	USB	" "	1/3/74

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4. PROJECTED ARRIVALS FOR BALANCE OF JANUARY. WE DO NOT YET HAVE
A FIRM SHIPPING SCHEDULE FOR COASTERS/BARGES UNDER CHARTER TO

USAID/SAIGON BEYOND THE NEXT REGULAR MEKONG CONVOY DUE TO ARRIVE PHNOM PENH JANUARY 11. WE KNOW THAT TWO US RICE SHIPMENTS DESTINED TO CAMBODIA ARE BEING DIVERTED TO VIETNAM AS PARTIAL REPAYMENT FOR GVN RICE LOANS TO CAMBODIA. THESE TWO SHIPMENTS UNDER PAS 720 AND 721 CONSIST OF 11,639 METRIC TONS ON BOARD THE M/S AMERICAN CONDOR, AND 11,112 METRIC TONS ON THE M/S PRESIDENT HAYES. IT HAS ALSO BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT THREE LYKES VESSELS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO DISCHARGE AT KOMPONG SOM ARE NOW BOUND FOR SAIGON WHERE THEIR RESPECTIVE CARGO WILL BE TRANSHIPPED TO PHNOM PENH. THESE THREE VESSELS ARE THE CHRISTOPHER, LESLIE, AND FREDERICK LYKES. IN TABLE FORM, PROJECTED ARRIVALS DURING THE BALANCE OF THE MONTH TO

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PHNOM PENH VIA SAIGON AND/OR TO KOMPONG SOM READ AS FOLLOWS:

VESSEL/BARGE (TO BE NAMED)	PORT OF M T	SOURCE	TRANSSHIPMENT	DISCHARGE ETA
" " " 416	KOREA	" " "	PHNOM PENH	N/A
LESLIE LYKES	7,069 US	SAIGON		1/3
CHRISTOPHER LYKES	3,034 US	SAIGON		1/4
PRESIDENT ADAMS	10,500 US	"		1/7
LUZON 1961	1,677 US		PHNOM PENH	1/11
LUZON 1966	1,376 US		PHNOM PENH	1/11
BONANAA	1,526 US		PHNOM PENH	1/11
NANCY LYKES	3,500 US		KOMPONG SOM	1/12
PRESIDENT ARUTHUR	11,112 US	SAIGON		1/16
FREDERICK LYKES	4,250 US	SAIGON		1/18

5. BY WAY OF RECAPITULATION, THE DATA UNDER PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE PROJECT FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OF JANUARY A TOTAL OF 45,800 METRIC TONS TO ARRIVE PHNOM PENH VIA THE MEKONG, WITH ANOTHER 9,000 METRIC TONS TO BE DISCHARGED AT KOMPONG SOM, FOR A GRAND TOTAL JANUARY ARRIVALS OF 54,800 METRIC TONS. AS FULLY DISCUSSED IN SEPARATE MESSAGES, THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JANUARY SHIPPING SCHEDULE DEPENDS TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF SUFFICIENT BUNKER IN SAIGON.

6. RICE STOCK IN KOMPONG SOM. GIVEN THE 10,873 METRIC TON SURPLUS STOCK PRESENTLY ON HAND IN KOMPONG SOM PLUS THE 9,000 METRIC TONS SCHEDULED TO BE DISCHARGED AT THIS PORT IN JANUARY AND MINUS THE MONTHLY REQUIREMENT OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES (1,800 METRIC TONS), WE ESTIMATE THAT ABOUT 18,000 METRIC TONS WILL BE AVAILABLE BY THE END OF JANUARY FOR DELIVERY TO PHNOM PENH. CURRENT INFORMATION IS THAT ROUTE 4 WILL BE REOPENED SHORTLY TO CONVOY TRAFFIC. ACCORDINGLY, THE GKR HAS BEGUN TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOVING AS MUCH RICE AS POSSIBLE ON A PRIORITY BASIS VIA THIS ROUTE WHILE IT REMAINS OPEN.

7. DISTRIBUTION IN PHNOM PENH AND SURROUNDING AREAS. THE FINAL

FIGURE FOR THE AVERAGE DAILY DISTRIBUTION RATE IN DECEMBER WAS 654.4 METRIC TONS. THIS IS AN EXCESS OF 4.4 TONS OVER THE DAILY QUOTA SET BY GKR'S MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, BUT THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH FELL ON A MONDAY WHICH IS ALWAYS A DAY OF PEAK DEMAND COMING
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AFTER SUNDAY WHEN NO DISTRIBUTION TAKES PLACE. FOR THE FIRST SIX DAYS OF JANUARY THE DAILY DISTRIBUTION RATE AVERAGE 666.2 METRIC TONS. THIS SLIGHT JUMP OVER THE OFFICIAL QUOTA REFLECTS ONLY THE FACT THAT MOST PEOPLE HAVE A LITTLE MORE BUYING POWER AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH MONTH AND/OR THAT SOME INSTITUTIONS DRAW THEIR MONTHLY ALLOCATION IN FULL AT THIS TIME. AT THE AVERAGE RATE OF 650 METRIC TONS PER DAY, THE STOCK ON HAND AS OF JANUARY 6 CORRESPONDED TO 22.4 DAYS' SUPPLY. ON THE SAME DATE, THE SURPLUS STOCK HELD IN KOMPONG SOM AMOUNTED TO 16,000 METRIC TONS OR AN ADDITIONAL 24.6 DAYS' SUPPLY. NOW THAT A NEW GOVERNMENT IS IN PLACE, THE GKR'S NATIONAL RICE COMMITTEE IS REVIVING ITS PLAN TO STREAMLINE THE PRESENT DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, THE MAIN THRUST OF WHICH WILL BE TO ELIMINATE MOST OF THE INTERMEDIARIES CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN RICE DISTRIBUTION. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NOT AS MANY COMPLAINTS AS BEFORE AT THE ILOT LEVEL, THE ANNOUNCED AIM OF THE GOVERNMENT TO GIVE EACH CIVILIAN PERSON A MINIMUM OF 275 GRAMS PER DAY HAS NOT YET BEEN ACHIEVED UNIFORMLY THROUGHOUT THE CITY.
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